# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON ROAD ACCIDENTS
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a high level meeting was convened recently to prevent the road accidents being caused by the blue line buses and other vehicles continuously;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the blue line buses in Delhi overtake from the left side;

(d) if so, whether overtaking from the left side is violation of MVA and rules framed thereunder;

(e) if so, the number of blue line buses booked for same;

(f) whether the Govt. has any proposal to amend the act to impose stricter fine and punishment to the drivers committing the offence; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (g) : Meetings have been taken at various levels for preventing/minimizing the road accidents in general and those caused by blue line buses in particular. Delhi Police have been instructed to enforce discipline on the roads more strictly. The prosecution figures for blue line buses for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 (up to 31.10.2007) for wrongly overtaking, violating the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India are given below:-

| Year | No. of Prosecutions |
|---|---|
| 2005 | 5264 |
| 2006 | 4302 |
| 2007(upto 31.1.2007) | 2412 |

As regards overtaking of the blue line buses from the left side, the Supreme Court of India in CWP No. 13029/85-MC Mehta Vs. UOI & Others in its direction dated 20.11.1997 has ordered that " In our view the scheme of the Act necessarily implies an obligation to use the vehicle in a manner which does not imperial public safety. The authorities aforesaid should, therefore, ensure that the transport vehicles are not permitted to overtake any other four- wheel motorized vehicle". In view of the above, the transport vehicles including blue line buses in Delhi are not permitted to overtake any other four wheeled motorized vehicle.